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### PAGE OF INQUIRY

#### QUESTION NO. 16.

Bro. Garrett please explain this, some  
being saved by faith, and others through  
sith, Mrs. Parlee Royal.

#### QUESTION NO. 16

Delaplaine Ark. Aug 2, 1900.

Dear Brother Garrett if you will spare  
me space in your paper I would like  
for some one to tell me if they can if  
we have to belong to any Church and  
why? for if we do why did God say  
that he had a book which is called the  
book of life, in Rev. 20, 15.

And whoever was not found writ-  
ten in the book of life was cast into the  
lake of fire, in Rev. 19, 20.

He that overcometh the same shall be  
clothed in white raiment and I will not  
blot out his name out of the book of  
life, but I will confess his name before  
my father, and before his angels.

If you can find where we are com-  
manded to belong to any church I will  
you will answer soon. If God is keeping  
our name in the Lamb book of life, who  
use is there in us having our name on  
a Church book? in Exodus 32:33.

And the Lord said unto Moses who  
soever hath sinned against me, him  
will I blot out of my book, now if God  
blots our name out of the Lamb book  
of life and our name is still on the  
Church book will we be saved? if we  
die in that way I think not.

So good bye, well come on preachers  
with your answer.

From A. Brown  
God bless.

### TAKE NOTICE

Any party or parties wishing to  
ask any questions, through this  
paper, upon any subject relig-  
iously or otherwise shall be  
treated as a friend. But in no case  
will the Editor allow any slang  
or slang phrases go through  
its columns.

## LOOK HERE WRITERS,

We must say to all who write  
Articles for the Cresset they  
must not approach us any more  
with any kind of slang or mud  
slinging this is not argument.

You must treat each other  
with respect in this paper; Write  
your arguments one against the  
other and we will publish them.

But should any of you impose  
on us any more in this manner  
you will see your piece in print  
and little stars taking the place  
of your slang. So you are and  
will be aware of it if such should  
be the case.

We do not mean that writers  
shall not refer to wrongs com-  
mitted, co-operations and trusts  
or any thing in a comparison;  
But we mean personalities, just  
to hurt feelings, and show our  
egotistic wits, just to be seen or  
heard of men.

## OLD PRESBYTERIAN DOCTRINE DEFEATED

Continued from last week.

But now the theories of men.

Then they worshiped Christ, and now they worship gold.  
Then the poor and the needy was cared for, now they are robbed  
and left to starve. The church to day has put on a cloak of hypo-  
crisy and when we reconsider; the cause of our writing on this  
subject: we cannot help but draw, the minds of our readers, the  
second time to the idea of the spiritual birth of Christ in the man-  
ner in which they have spoken. For you will learn by the follow-  
ing scripture that there could not be a spiritual birth please read.

The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works  
of old.

I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning or ever the earth was.  
When there was no depths, I was brought forth, when there was no  
fountain abounding with water.

Before the mountains were settled, before the hills I brought forth.

While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields; nor the highest  
parts of the dust of the world,

When he prepared the heavens I was there when he set a compass upon  
the face of the depth.

When he established the clouds above, when he strengthened the fountains  
of the deep.

When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his  
commandment, when he appointed the foundations of the earth.

Then I was by him as one brought up with him, and I was daily his  
delight, rejoicing always before him.

Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth, and my delights were with the  
sons of men. Prov. 8-22-31.

Christ was from everlasting to everlasting spirit-  
ually: There could be no spiritual birth, at the time, when the  
Bible teach us that he was here on earth in the flesh. It had to  
be a natural birth. And if it was not a natural birth. Then  
there was no Christ and that says there is no Word of God.  
For we are taught that he was the word, Please read.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word  
was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made  
that was made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his  
glory, the glory of the only begotten Father,) full of grace and truth,  
St. John 1-1-5 \* 14.

We must remark again that if this scripture is not true in  
regard to his natural birth; then we are left without a Christ,  
and the Book that we call the word of God; is nothing but a novel.  
And we must say the acts of the Presbyterian on June the 16th.  
at N. Y. City has taught this as a fact by licenseing those three  
young men who denied the Word of God; to be true, These men did  
not creep in unawares; as Paul said in his epistle to the Galatians.

But it was after a bitter debate that this Church yielded to  
their arguments. And this proves more clearly the fall of the  
Church. Or in the language of the Revelator.

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first  
love.

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the  
first works, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove the candle-  
stick out of thy place, except thou repent. Rev. 2-4-5.

The Church had left its first love before Calvin undertook  
his reformation. And while Calvin was sincere, and honest in  
his convictions, the fall of the Church had been past long enough;  
so that he never grasped all the truth, yet he saw a wrong and  
done all he could to right the wrong. But not getting the  
two men, which was the most important point to know in order to  
right the wrong. And by not getting this point, left the church  
unguarded with the truth. And the Presbytery without the  
true sword of the spirit was not able to defend themselves.  
And therefore had to yield to the enemy. This only brings to  
our memory the stinging words of Paul. Please read.

Let no man deceive you by any means, for that day shall not come, except  
there come a falling away first, and the man of sin be revealed the son of  
perdition.

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is  
worshipped, so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself  
that he is God. 2 Thess. 2-3-4.

The power of this character was manifested in those three young  
men in their arguments. And by the blessed Word of God, we  
shall reveal this man and his power. For we say that whenever  
man or any set of men say that Christ Jesus had not a natural  
birth; as we have said, they say the Bible is not the Word of God.  
And if there is no Word, there is no Jesus. For Jesus is the  
flesh part of Christ. And again we say that if Christ died spirit-  
ually then one part of God died for God was in Christ reconciling  
the world unto himself. And we remark again that if a portion  
of God died then the whole God is subject to death. And when  
we come to such a belief then we must acknowledge a power  
beyond such a God who brought death on the tryune God. Who  
we have been serving. But we answer not our Christ (the spirit)  
never died. Jesus the flesh part (the body) died; and while the  
body laid in the grave. Christ the spiritual part was down in the  
prison houses of the dead preaching to the spirits in prison. And  
when the three days of his mission work was ended there, then  
Christ came forth from the prisons, as it reads.

Jesus when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost;

And behold the veil of the temple was rent in twain, from top to the bottom  
and the earth did quake and the rocks rent.

And the graves were opened and many bodies of the saints which slept arose;

And came out of the graves after his resurrection and went into the holy  
city and appeared unto many. St. Matt. 27-50-53.

This is the work of Christ in opening the graves and  
bringing out the last human being that laid in the graves; for  
the graves were opened and the dead arose out of their graves,  
after his resurrection, For God says, please read.

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to draw toward the first day of the  
week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

And, behold there was a great earthquake for the angel of the Lord de-  
scended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door and  
sat upon it.

His countenance was like lightning and his raiment white as snow.

And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not, ye for I know  
that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

He is not here, for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the  
Lord lay.

And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead, and,  
behold, he goeth before you into Galilee, there shall ye see him, for I have  
told you.

And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy and  
did run to bring his disciples word. Matt 28-1-9.

Here the reader will comprehend; that after Christ had went  
and preached to the spirits in prison; he came forth from the  
prisons, and reaching the surface once more he came back to Je-  
sus (his body) and Jesus his body was resurrected from its dead  
position, and the woman that was at the sepulchre was told by  
Christ that Jesus has risen from the dead and that they should  
inform the rest of his disciples of the same. Therefore Paul  
says,

Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye obeyed.

Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among  
you that there is no resurrection of the dead.

But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen.

And if Christ be not risen then is your preaching vain and your faith is  
also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have  
testified of God that he raised up Christ, whom he raised not up.

For if the dead rise not, then is Christ not raised.

And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them  
that sleep. For since by man came death, by man came also the resur-  
rection of the dead. 1 Cor. 15-11 to 21.

Now Paul tells us that Christ rose FROM THE DEAD, not that  
he himself was dead, but that he went and preached to the spirits  
in prison, please read.

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that  
he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but quickened by  
the Spirit. By which also he went and preached unto the spirit in  
prison. 1 Peter 3-18-19.

This is what St. John said also, please read.

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in the which all that are in  
the graves shall hear his voice. And shall come forth: they that have  
done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto  
the resurrection of damnation. St. John 5-28-29.

This was Christ's mission when he was three days and three  
nights in the bowls of the earth. And when he came forth he  
raised his body (Jesus) which laid in the sepulchre. And for this  
reason Isaiah said, Please read.

Thy dead men shall live together with my dead body shall they arise  
Awake and sing: ye that dwell in dust, for thy dew is as the dew of herbs,  
and the earth shall cast out the dead. Isaiah 26-10.

With these scriptures before us, we must believe that our  
readers will see how far wrong those men in New York was, and  
also how far wrong Pres. Elliot was when he declared a new  
religion, a religion without the Bible. And if we can find any  
reason for such false ideas by the word, then again our readers  
will be benefitted thereby. In connection with what we have  
given we shall present to our readers one of the smallest reasons  
and then follow up with the entire reasons. Now please read.

Verily, Verily, I say unto you He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

I am that bread of life.

Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and  
not die.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall  
live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh: which I will give for the life  
of the world.

The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying how can this man give us his  
flesh to eat?

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son  
of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life, and I will raise him  
up at the last day.

For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed;

He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

St. John 6-47-56.

In this scripture we have the flesh of Christ as the living  
bread. Those unbelievers in the days of Christ denied his flesh  
as the bread of life, and so did those young men. In this man-  
ner they have denied the very bread from heaven. And this  
leaves them without life, in Christ Jesus the Lord. And leaves  
them to groop their way in the darkness. Places them where  
they are not able to walk in the light: That the blood of Jesus  
Christ might cleanse them from all sin. And cause them to love  
darkness rather than light. Which causes many disbelievers  
and infidels. And we must say according to our understanding;  
that the worst infidel that we know of, is the man who denies  
the word of God, and still makes a profession of Christianity.

They made more disbelievers than ever Bob Ingersol made.  
With all his talent of oratory. Even Ingersol made the declara-  
tion that if there was any man who could give him a reasonable  
answer from the word of God to the questions he would ask,  
then he would become a believer. Talmage he undertook this  
task; but the questions soon run him ashore. As the following  
will show.

First question. Does Christianity claim a God of love, and a  
God of mercy? And Christianity had to answer yes.

Second question. Does Christianity claim that this God is  
an infallible being? And the answer was and is yes.

Third question. Does Christianity claim that the book called  
the bible is the word of the infallible God? And the answer is  
yes. With the acceptions of the interpolations.

Fourth question. Does the bible teach that no murderer  
can enter the kingdom of heaven? The answer is, yes, it does.

## TEXT.

"For we are labourers together  
with God; ye are God's husband-  
ry, ye are God's building."  
(1st. Cor. 3-9)

Now then when such a time  
as this comes we will then be  
a co-operation together "with  
God." Then every man will  
equal because God has said that  
the laborer is worthy of his hire.

And for this reason should  
all the wealth that he creates  
The wealth getters, (not the  
wealth creators) The wealth  
getters, think that it is an unfair  
deal, if they do not get the two-  
thirds of all that is produced by  
the laboring man, and then make  
the producer pay a good profit  
out of the one third left him, on  
all that he consumes, the wealth  
getters gets this profit along  
with the two thirds he has al-  
ready in his possession, taken  
from the hard earnings of the  
producer. And that too without  
the producer receiving, one par-  
tial of valuation for the same.

And those parasites has not as  
much as turned their hands to  
help produce one pennies worth.  
Hence, a bitter struggle  
ing on between the property own-  
ing class and the laborer who has  
had his property taken from him  
by the monopolized few. The  
fact that a few capitalists are  
permitted to controle all the  
country's resources, and all  
tools for their individual profit,  
and to make the production of  
the necessities of life, the object  
of competitive private enterprise  
and speculation; this we say is  
at the bottom of all the social  
evils of our time. For it is a  
stubborn fact, that the capital  
class, in its mad race for profits,  
is bound to exploit the working  
class to the very limit of their  
endurance, and to sacrifice all  
their natural welfare, and their  
earthly enjoyments and pleas-  
ures to its own insatiable greed.

The trusts to day keeps the  
masses of the working men in  
poverty, destitution, and ignor-  
ance. It drives wives from their  
homes, to the mills, factory, and  
upon the streets begging. It  
drags their children from the  
play grounds, the school room,  
and wears out their young bod-  
ies, and spots their unmaturing  
mind into cold dollars. It drives  
millions of workers into the  
ranks of the unemployed, and  
forces large numbers of them in-  
to beggary, vagrancy, and all  
sorts of crime and vice.

The various "reform" move-  
ments, and parties which have  
sprung up from time to time are  
but clumsy expression of wide-  
spread discontent. They have  
not been based on an intelligent  
understanding of the historical  
development of civilization and  
of the economic and equal needs  
of our time, they have and will  
perish as the grass withereth  
when the harvest is past. And  
when it gives place to the coming  
day of the glorious promises of  
the great God of Heaven, when  
Bible co-operation spreads itself  
from sea to sea. And the Farm-  
ers and Laborers has full reward  
for their production.